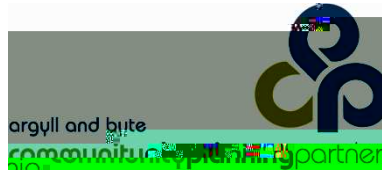

**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

Management Committee
Date:



Title: Inspection of Children's services In Argyll and Bute

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report provides the CPP Management Committee with a brief update relating to the Inspection of Children's Service in Argyll and Bute.

A copy of the two important timeline reports is attached at Appendix 1 and 2.

- 1.2** Key agency leads are actively writing leadership statements which form an important part of the Inspection. These statements set out the progress the Partnership are making in relation to improving outcomes for children and young people across Argyll and Bute.

There are 9 statements in total covering a range of topics including Corporate Parenting, Involvement, GIRFEC, Getting The Best Start, Achieving, Nurtured, Healthy and Active, Children are Safe, and Our Children are Included.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** The CPP note that the Inspection will be conducted over 13 days between Monday 4th March 2013 and Friday 19th

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Inspections of care services for children will be used to obtain evidence of:-

- the quality of care services within the Community Planning Partner area
- the experiences of and outcomes for individual children and young people within a care service
- the views of carers – for example foster carers
- the views of staff

3.2 Phase 1

In advance of the Joint Inspection, careful scheduling of a series of short notice or unannounced inspections of regulated care services

3.4 Findings

At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings of Inspectors will be shared with Chief Officers and the CPP.

4.0 Latest Update

Since the last report to CPP on 6th March 2013 the following progress has been made;

- Our nine joint statements were completed and uploaded onto Share Point on 4th March 2013 for the start of Phase Two scrutiny events
- Inspectors arrived on 4th March to begin reading the statements and our evidence of the impact of collaborative leadership and partnership working
- Our Share Point repository site holds our full supporting evidence in relation to the nine statements.
- Inspectors facilitated a range of Focus groups with staff across the partnership on the ICSP, the 9 position statements, self- evaluation and Corporate Parenting during 5th-8th March
- We have delivered the records of 90 cases for Inspectors to read for evidence of our practice. The file reading and access to care first electronic data base is being conducted over 18th -22nd March.
- We have confirmed the names of the 18 cases of " Teams round the Child" Focus Groups during Scoping Week 3
- We have sent a list of potential venues to Inspectors for their consideration for the Teams Round the Child Meetings.
- Inspectors will identify cases for the Teams round the Child Meetings.





Pilot Joint Inspection of Services for children (Argyll and Bute Local Authority)			
On-site 3 days	On-site 5 days	On-site 5 days	On-site 0.5 day
(Mon – depending on access to evidence) Tues 5th Wed 6th Thurs 7th <u>Scoping phase 2</u>	w/b 18/03/13	w/b 15/04/13	w/b 29/04/13 – date tbc

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- Involving young people in service development (across services).

In addition to attending discussions/meetings, we will need an inspection base that will house us for the 3 days – to read material and to have team discussions.

I will work on a list of actual activities and suggested inspectors for these.

As we are looking at lead professional files/named persons in the main a venue where we can access health, education and social work electronic records in one place.

Enough of our team have experience of accessing SEMIS, but it might be helpful to have a briefing on the social work system you use at the start of the week (we are familiar with the systems in use this but just need a briefing on your